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#### SOCIAL HYGIENE AWARD TO GENERAL IRELAND

Major General Merritte W. Ireland, USA, former Surgeon General of the Army, received the William Freeman Snow Award on February 7, in Chicago. The Award, established in 1937 and given annually by the American Social Hygiene Association, is "For Distinguished Service to Humanity."

Announcement of the 1945 award was made by General John J. Pershing, the General of the Armies, acting in his capacity as chairman of the Association's committee on awards.

General Ireland's brilliant career began in 1891 as a pioneer Army medical officer and culminated in his distinguished service as Surgeon General of the Army, a post which he held from 1918 until his retirement in 1931. During his term of service he reorganized The Surgeon General's Office on the strength of experience gained during World War I and laid the basis for the present efficient army medical program through the establishment of the Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Pa., and the development of the Army Medical Center at Washington, D.C. and of Army hospital facilities.

"In the years since his retirement," said General Pershing, "General Ireland has served civilian as well as military health and welfare with unabated zeal and statesmanship."

#### Lieutenant Colonel Durward G. Hall Promoted

Lieutenant Colonel Durward G. Hall, MC, Director of the Military Personnel Division and Acting Chief of Personnel Service, Office of The Surgeon General, was promoted to Colonel this month.

When Colonel Hall was appointed to his present position last fall, he brought to his work both unusual experience and recognized ability in the fields of personnel and logistic planning. He had served since early in 1942 in the Military Personnel Division, becoming Chief of the Procurement Branch in the summer of 1943. He later organized and directed the Strategic and Logistic Planning Unit of the Operations Service which passed upon the adequacy of all phases of Medical Department operations concerned with personnel, medical equipment and supplies.

A resident of Springfield, Mo., Colonel Hall obtained his B.S. Degree from Drury College, Springfield, Mo., and in 1934 received his M.D. degree from Rush Medical College, Chicago. He entered active duty as a first lieutenant in 1941 after having been a member of the reserve corps since 1935.

#### MALARIA BOARD DISCUSSES TREATMENT RESEARCH

At its January 25th meeting, the Board for Coordination of Malarial Studies discussed the progress being made toward finding new and more effective drugs for the treatment of malaria, particularly of the relapsing variety.

In addition to the regular members of the Board (who represent the Army, Navy, Public Health Service, Office of Scientific Research and Development, and National Research Council) the meeting was attended by Lieutenant Colonel Joseph M. Hayman, Jr., and Captain Harry Most, of Moore General Hospital, Swannanoa, N.C., and Lieutenant Colonel Stewart W. Lippincott and Major Harry Gordon, of Harmon General Hospital, Long View, Texas.

#### Colonel Farrell and Major Berlien Return

Lieutenant Colonel M. J. Farrell, Assistant Director of the Neuropsychiatry Consultants Division and Major I. C. Berlien of the Psychiatry Branch, Office of The Surgeon General, have returned from a three months' tour of the South Pacific area where they surveyed neuropsychiatric treatment and evacuation facilities. They visited divisions both in combat and at rest and inspected hospitals and other medical installations in Leyte, New Guinea, Australia, New Caledonia, Espiritu Santo, Guadalcanal, Tarawa and the Hawaiian Islands.



## ARMY MEDICAL OFFICERS RESCUED ON LUZON

Twenty-one officers of the Army Medical Department, including 13 doctors, 3 medical administrative officers, 4 dentists and a veterinary officer were named in the first list of prisoners freed from Camp Cabanatuan on Luzon, according to the Office of The Surgeon General. The list of those freed from Santo Tomas University, Manila, included 66 nurses, a physical therapist and a hospital dietitian. The full list of freed prisoners has not yet been officially released and may contain the names of other medical officers in addition to the following who were rescued:

### Medical Corps

COLONEL JAMES W. DUCKWORTH, Gosport, Ind.  
LIEUTENANT COLONEL JOHN EDWARD KALLUS, Calldwell, Tex.  
MAJOR RALPH WALDO HUBBARD, Oklahoma City, Okla.  
MAJOR EMIL PATRICK REED, Brownsville, Tex.  
MAJOR STEPHEN C. SITTER, Milwaukee, Wis.  
CAPTAIN RALPH EMERSON HIBBS, Cleveland, Ohio.  
CAPTAIN CHARLES JOSEPH KATZ, Oak Park, Ill.  
CAPTAIN CHARLES LEASUM, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.  
CAPTAIN ROBERT B. LEWIS, Cape Elizabeth, Me.  
CAPTAIN ROBERT KIRKWOOD WHITELEY, Palo Alto, Calif.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT HARRY MERRILL BROWN, Cicero, Ind.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT CHARLES FRANCIS LEWIS, JR., Oakland, Calif.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT MERLE McNEIL MUSSELMAN, Ann Arbor, Mich.

### Medical Administrative Corps

CAPTAIN WILSON R. McNEIL, Lawton, Okla.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT MELVIN THOMAS JOHNSTON, Tampa, Fla.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT FRANCIS MELROSE LUNNIE, Melrose, Mass.

### Dental Corps

LIEUTENANT COLONEL ALBERT FIELDS, Jamestown, N. Y.  
CAPTAIN CURTIS EUGENE BURSON, Las Animas, Colo.  
CAPTAIN DENTON JILES REES, Klamath Falls, Ore.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT CLAUDE PIPPO DANIEL, Boualusa, La.

### Veterinary Corps

FIRST LIEUTENANT OTT HERBERT IVAN, Atlanta, Ga.

### Army Nurse Corps

CAPTAIN MAUDE C. DAVIDSON, Washington, D.C.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT GLADYS MEALER, Birmingham, Ala.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT CLARA L. MUELLER, Philadelphia, Pa.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT JOSEPHINE NESBIT, Kansas City, Mo.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT EDITH E. SHACKLETTE, St. Petersburg, Fla.  
FIRST LIEUTENANT ELEANOR E. O'NEILL, Providence, R.I.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT EARLEEN ALLEN, Benton, Ky.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT LOUISE M. ANSCHICKS, Mendota, Ill.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT PHYLLIS JANE ARNOLD, Minneapolis, Minn.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT AGNES D. BARRE, Orange, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT CLARA MAE BICKFORD, Trivoli, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT EARLYN M. BLACK, Groesbeck, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ETHEL L. BLAINE, Greensburg, Mo.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT RUBY G. BRADLEY, Spencer, W. Va.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT HATTIE R. BRANTLEY, Jefferson, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MINNIE L. BREESE, Chicago, Ill.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MARY BERNICE BROWN, Lawton, Okla.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MYRA VIRGINIA BURRIS, San Antonio, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT HELEN MARY CASSIANI, Bridgewater, Mass.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT BEATRICE E. CHAMBERS, Manila, P.I.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT EDITH M. CORNS, Los Angeles, Calif.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MILDRED J. DALTON, Commerce, Ga.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT KATHRYN L. DOLLASON, Eutawville, S. C.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT SALLIE DURRETT, Louisville, Ky.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT HELEN M. HENNESSEY, Leavenworth, Kan.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT VERNA V. HENSON, Long Beach, Calif.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT GWENDOLYN L. HENSHAW, Los Angeles, Calif.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ROSEMARY HOGAN, Chattanooga, Okla.



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SECOND LIEUTENANT GENEVA JENKINS, Sevierville, Tenn.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT IMOGENE KENNEDY, Philadelphia, Miss.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT DORIS A. KEHOE, Presidio of Monterey, Calif.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT BLANCHE KIMBALL, Topeka, Kan.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ELEANOR O. LEE, Baltimore, Md.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANKIE T. LEWEY, Delhart, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT DOROTHY L. LUDLOW, Lexa, Ark.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT BERTHA HELEN DWORSKY, Hallettsville, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT DORCAS ELIZABETH EASTERLING, Abbott, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MAGDALENA ECKMANN, Pine Grove, Calif.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT EULA R. FAILS, Huntsville, Tex.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ADELE F. FOREMAN, Masten, Pa.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT HELEN L. GARDNER, Aberdeen, Ohio.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ELEANOR M. GAREN, South Bend, Ind.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MARCIA L. GATES, Milwaukee, Wisc.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT BEULAH M. GREENWALT, San Francisco, Calif.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ALICE JOSEPHINE HAHN, Chicago, Ill.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT WINIFRED MADDEN, Montello, Wisc.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT INEZ V. McDONALD, Tupelo, Miss.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT LETHA McHALE, Sunnyside, Long Island, N. Y.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ADOLPHA M. MEYER, St. Louis, Mo.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT FRANCES L. NASH, Washington, Ga.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MARY J. OBERST, Owensboro, Ky.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT RITA G. PALMER, Hampton, N. H.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT BEULAH M. PUTMAN, Worthington, Ohio.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MARY J. REPPAK, Shelton, Conn.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ROSE E. RIEPER, Wellsville, Mo.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT DOROTHY SCHOLL, Independence, Mo.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT RUTH M. STOLTZ, Dayton, Ohio.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ETHEL M. THOR, Tacoma, Wash.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT MADELINE M. ULLOM, O'Neill, Nebr.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT EVELYN B. WHITLOW, Leasburg, N. C.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ANNA E. WILLIAMS, Harrisburg, Pa.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT EDITH M. WIMBERLY, Campiti, La.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ANNE B. WURTS, Leominster, Mass.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT EUNICE F. YOUNG, Arkport, N. Y.  
SECOND LIEUTENANT ALICE M. ZWICKER, Brownville, Me.

Hospital Dietitians

LIEUTENANT RUBY MOTLEY, Columbia, Mo.

Physical Therapy Aides

LIEUTENANT BRUNETTA KUEHLTHAW, West Bend, Wisc.

COLONEL VAIL AT SGO

Colonel Derrick T. Vail, MC, Senior Consultant in ophthalmology for the European Theater of Operations since 1942, has returned to this country and is now on temporary duty in the Office of The Surgeon General. While serving in ETO, Colonel Vail organized departments of ophthalmology in all the hospitals in that theater and encouraged the development of the artificial plastic eye which the Army has found superior to glass eyes. Prior to entering the Army, Colonel Vail was professor of ophthalmology and director of that department at the University of Cincinnati.

Dental Needs of Returned Soldiers

A redistribution station in this country, where soldiers just returned from overseas receive dental treatment, has reported to the Office of The Surgeon General that about one man in ten needs an extraction or other emergency dental treatment. This includes the construction of a denture if the man hasn't enough teeth to chew an average meal. According to this report, about forty-five percent of the men returning from overseas need one or more fillings while about forty percent do not require any dental treatment. Figures previously released by the Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General, show that about one man in every four requires emergency dental treatment at the time of induction.



## CAPTAIN LARIMORE HEADS NEW HEALTH EDUCATION UNIT

A Health Education Unit has been established under the Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, which combines the functions of the education branches formerly under the Tropical Disease Control Division, the Sanitation and Hygiene Division and the Venereal Disease Control Division.

The primary purpose will be to continue the health education of troops after they have received their formal training and to this end the new Unit will develop educational material on the individual soldier's role in malaria and typhus control, prevention of trench foot and other individual measures that protect the soldier's health. It will make use of many of the educational methods so successfully pioneered by the Venereal Disease Control Division.

Captain Granville W. Larimore, MC, former Chief of the Education Branch, Venereal Disease Control Division, has been appointed Chief of the Health Education Unit. Assisting him will be Captain Vincent I. Hack, MAC, former Chief of the Education Branch, Sanitation and Hygiene Division.

### Disabled Soldiers Re-learn Driving

Disabled soldiers at Army amputation centers are learning to drive again under the tutelage of Army reconditioning instructors who have been specially trained for this purpose by the American Automobile Association. Dual control cars are used during part of the training period but the disabled soldiers, once they have learned how to compensate for their physical handicap, are taught to operate ordinary automobiles without any special "gadgets." The instructors prove it can be done. Most of them are themselves "disabled" soldiers!

### VENEREAL DISEASE PROBLEMS DISCUSSED

In connection with the observance of Social Hygiene Day, Lieutenant Colonel Thomas E. Sternberg, MC, Director of the Venereal Disease Control Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, addressed the Los Angeles, Calif., Seattle, Wash., and Portland, Ore., Social Hygiene Societies this month.

He said that the Army venereal disease rate for the Continental U. S. had risen from 26.3 per 1,000 men in 1943 to 40 per 1,000 in 1944. This increase, he said, was due to gonorrhea and must reflect, at least partially, an increase in the incidence of civilian gonorrhea. The syphilis rate, he said declined 20 percent last year.

The intensity of our venereal disease control program at home, he pointed out, has been lowered in part by the overseas assignment of most of the Army's trained venereal disease control officers who were initially stationed here. On the bright side of the picture, the trend of venereal disease rates in most theaters of operations is downward and the combined overseas rate for all American soldiers is now lower than for those stationed in the United States.

Captain Granville Larimore, MC, Chief of the Health Education Unit, Preventive Medicine Service spoke on the same subject at Social Hygiene Day meetings in Omaha, Neb., and Denver, Col., and Colonel Thomas B. Turner, Assistant Chief of the Preventive Medicine Service, addressed the meeting in New York City. All three officers stressed the fact that no soldiers with infectious venereal disease are returned to civilian life before they have had sufficient treatment to prevent them from transmitting their infection.

### Medical Corps Officers Promoted to Brigadier General

The Senate has confirmed the President's nomination for promotion of four Medical Department officers to the rank of brigadier general, they are:

ROBERT C. McDONALD, Surgeon, Fourth Service Command, Atlanta, Ga.  
REX McKINLEY McDOWELL, Director, Dental Division, Office of The Surgeon General, Washington, D. C.  
WILLIAM A. HAGIN, Surgeon, Sixth Army.  
CHARLES B. SPRUIT, Surgeon, United Kingdom Base.



## COLONEL TURNER ASSISTANT CHIEF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE

Colonel Thomas B. Turner, MC, has been appointed Assistant Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General. In addition to his new assignment he will continue his duties as Director of the Civil Public Health Division, under the same service.

A graduate of St. Johns College, Annapolis, Md., he received his M.D. degree from University of Maryland School of Medicine in 1925. Colonel Turner was formerly a consultant on venereal diseases to the Rockefeller Foundation where he served as a staff member of the International Health Division for several years. Before entering the Army in 1942, he was professor of bacteriology at the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, Maryland.

## Colonel Long Again Directs SGO Epidemiology Division

Lieutenant Colonel Arthur P. Long, MC, has been reassigned as Director of the Epidemiology Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General -- a position he left last April for a tour of overseas duty. In the interim he served as Chief of the Epidemiology Branch, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of the Chief Surgeon, European Theater of Operations.

## SGO REPRESENTED AT FLAME ATTACK CONFERENCE

Major George R. Greenwood, of the Surgical Consultants Division represented the Office of The Surgeon General at a two-day conference at Dumbarton Oaks which summarized the medical, mechanical and tactical aspects of flame attack.

## Colonel Craven, Back From Overseas

Colonel Robert C. Craven, DC, Dental Surgeon of the First Army, ETO, has returned to this country and was on temporary duty this month at the Office of The Surgeon General. He reported that the closest cooperation existed between dental and medical teams in the evacuation chain and said that there had been many acts of heroism on the part of dental officers and technicians serving at the front in aid stations.

## PROMOTIONS, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

### First Lieutenant to Captain

HAROLD L. CUMMINGS, MAC, of Columbus, Ga., Storage and Maintenance Division, Supply Service.

JOHN E. McMINN, MAC, of Girard, Ohio, Historical Division.

HUBERT B. ROBISON, MAC, of Sandy Spring, Md., Civilian Personnel Division, Personnel Service.

ROBERT S. TAGGERT, SnC, of Amsterdam, N.Y., Sanitary Engineering Division, Preventive Medicine Service.

### Second Lieutenant to First Lieutenant

FRANK A. CANNON, JR., Inf, of Los Angeles, Calif., Technical Information Division.

## New Assignments, Office of The Surgeon General

LIEUTENANT COLONEL WILLIAM T. SMITH, MC, of Tulsa, Okla., formerly at Office of the Surgeon, Alaskan Dept., assigned to Hospital Division, Operations Service.

MAJOR TERRY S. OZIER, VC, of College Station, Tex., formerly at the School of Military Government, Charlottesville, Va., assigned to Veterinary Division.

## DEPARTURES, OFFICE OF THE SURGEON GENERAL

LIEUTENANT COLONEL LOUIS F. WILLIAMS, PC, of Neptune, Tenn., formerly Issue Division, Supply Service, assigned overseas.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM A. WITHUS, MAC, of Rochester, N.Y., formerly Technical Division, Operations Service, assigned overseas.



# RECENT PROMOTIONS, MEDICAL DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

## Lieutenant Colonel to Colonel

HARRY CLAY HULL, MC, Baltimore, Md.  
 LEO PATRICK AUGUSTUS SWEENEY, MC, Chicago, Ill.  
 EUGENE SEELEY COLER, MC, New York, N.Y.  
 RAYMOND EDWARD DUKE, MC, Portland, Ore.  
 HERBERT THEODORE BERWALD, MC, Columbus, Ohio.  
 CONN LEWIS HILBURN, MC, New Orleans, La.  
 CHARLES EDWARD SPELLMAN, MC, Carmen, Idaho.  
 BENJAMIN JAFFEE BIRK, MC, Thiensville, Wisc.  
 LOUIS M. ROUSSELOT, MC, New York, N.Y.

## Major to Lieutenant Colonel

JOSEPH MINOR ROBERT, MC, Portland, Ore.  
 GEORGE FRANCIS EVANS, MC, Clarksburg, W. Va.  
 HYMAN ABRAHAM SLESINGER, MC, Windber, Pa.  
 H. BRODIE STEPHENS, MC, San Francisco, Calif.  
 JEAN MOORHEAD STEVENSON, MC, Cincinnati, Ohio.  
 EVERETT LEE STROHL, MC, Chicago, Ill.  
 POLKE WALTER WIKLUND, MC, Milton, Mass.  
 WILLIS HAGLER WILLIS, MC, Painesville, Ohio.  
 LONDON SNEDAKER, MC, Brookline, Mass.  
 BRYON SPADRACK TALLEY, MC, Memphis Tenn.  
 CARL SCOTT CULBERTSON, MC, So. Bend, Ind.  
 JUSTIN REYNARD COLBURN, MC, Oakland, Calif.  
 AUGUSTUS HENRY CLAGGETT, JR., MC, Providence, R.I.  
 WERNER FELIX EISENSTAEDT, MC, Chicago, Ill.  
 CHARLES FREDRICK INGERSOLL, MC, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 STANLEY KIMBALL, MC, Dedham Mass.  
 ELBERT KENNETH LEWIS, MC, Chicago, Ill.  
 CARL SAMUEL LYTLE, MC, Ocala, Fla.  
 CLARENCE BURNETT LA DINE, MC, Indianapolis, Ind.  
 VINCENT ALBERT MADDA, DC, Chicago, Ill.  
 JOHN TAYLOR MORRISON, MC, Mountain Lakes, N.J.  
 THOMAS BARTLETT QUIGLEY, MC, Boston, Mass.  
 LOUIS PHILIP RIVER, MC, Oak Park, Ill.  
 FRANK LEVEN ALBERT GERBODE, MC, San Francisco, Calif.  
 HAROLD PATRICK MCGAN, MC, Albany, N.Y.  
 ALDEN BAYARD OAKES, MC, Brooklyn, N.Y.  
 PASCAL FRANCIS LUCCHESSE, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 DONALD HARRY EARL, MC, San Pedro, Calif.  
 LEONARD BRYAN BARNARD, MC, Oakland, Calif.  
 THEODORE LEONARD COHN, MC, New York, N.Y.  
 HERBERT PRATT MACNEAL, MC, Philadelphia, Pa.  
 EDWARD SILL PARVIS, MC, Wilmington, Del.  
 CHARLES WATSON FOLSOM, MC, Miami, Fla.  
 RAYMOND H. FOX, MC, Altus, Okla.  
 OTTO ALBERT WURL, MC, Council Bluffs, Iowa.  
 JOHN FICICHEY JR., MC, Hyde Park, Mass.  
 JOHN KAM CHUNG, MC, Milwaukee, Wisc.  
 HERMAN COHEN, MC, Trenton, N. J.  
 MAXWELL ROBERT BERNSTEIN, MC, Pittsburg, Calif.  
 FRANCIS EDWARD McDONOUGH, MC, Boston, Mass.  
 FRANCIS MARION WATSON, MC, Chipley, Fla.  
 EDGAR STEPHENS WEAVER, MC, Scottsville, Ky.  
 THEODORE WRIGHT OPPEL, MC, New York, N.Y.  
 PRESTON ALLEN WADE, MC, New York, N.Y.  
 STEPHEN RUSSELL ELLIS, MC, Versailles, Ind.  
 KERMIT FLOYD PERRIN, MC, Ft. Wayne, Ind.  
 DANIEL JAMES GREINER, MC, Baltimore, Md.  
 HORATIO WILLIAM NEWELL, MC, Baltimore, Md.  
 HENRY McCLELLAN GREENLEAF, MC, Brookline, Mass.  
 JOHN DUDLEY ROSENFELD, DC, New York, N.Y.  
 WILLIAM BROOKS SIMMS, DC, Bronx, N.Y.  
 MERLE WAYNE OGLE, DC, Enid, Okla.  
 STANLEY FOSTER STEELE, DC, Greenburg, Pa.  
 EDWARD WOOLSTON SNYGG, MAC, Pomona, Calif.  
 FRANK ARNOLD TODD, VC, New Haven, Conn.



## COLONEL PLOTZ AWARDED TYPHUS MEDAL

Colonel Harry Plotz, MC, of Brooklyn, N.Y., has been awarded the United States of America Typhus Commission Medal for exceptionally meritorious services. His citation declares that, "arriving in Cairo, Egypt, in January, 1943, Colonel Plotz organized and directed the first laboratory for the Commission's investigation of typhus fever and for the laboratory training of Egyptian physicians. Since his return to this country he has continued to serve this country through his capacity as Chief of the Virus and Rickettsial Diseases Division of the Army Medical School. To a long and distinguished career in typhus research he has added renown by new accomplishments."

Colonel Plotz received his M.D. degree from the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University in 1913. He then did research into the cause of typhus fever while at Mt. Sinai Hospital, New York City. In 1914 he was invited to join the Commission for Control of Typhus Fever in Serbia and traveled as a member of a typhus expedition to Bulgaria, Poland, Russia, Lithuania and Latvia. In 1916 he went to Vienna at the invitation of the Austrian Government to work at the Sero-Therapeutic Institute.

When the United States entered World War I, he joined the Medical Reserve Corps with the rank of major, serving as Chief of the Vermin Infection and Delousing Section, Office of The Surgeon General. In this capacity Colonel Plotz planned and built delousing plants in camps throughout the country,

From 1920 to 1921 Colonel Plotz worked on epidemic typhus in Poland and Russia, and in 1921 he joined the Pasteur Institute in Paris. At the outbreak of this war Colonel Plotz returned to the United States at the request of the Pasteur Institute to study the possibility of procuring a typhus vaccine. In cooperation with Dr. Hans Zinsser, he developed a method for the mass production of a vaccine for epidemic typhus.

Colonel Plotz reentered the Army in December of 1940.

### Colonel Youmans Back from China

Colonel John B. Youmans, MC, has resumed his duties as Director of the Nutrition Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, after a tour of duty in China. Together with Colonel Paul P. Logan, QMC, Chief of the Food Service Branch, Subsistence Division, Office of the Quartermaster General, he was engaged in a joint study on the nutrition of Chinese troops in the course of which he covered 1500 miles of central China and examined 1,000 troops.

### ORGANIZING NURSE RECRUITMENT

Major Edith Aynes, ANC, Chief of the Army Nurse Corps Branch of the Technical Information Division, Office of The Surgeon General, and Miss Evelyn Blewitt, Civilian consultant to The Surgeon General on Army nurse public relations, have returned to Washington after visiting Dallas, Tex., Los Angeles, Calif., San Francisco, Calif., and Portland, Oregon. There they conferred with advertising agencies, Army nurse recruiting committees, Army hospital superintendents and members of the Procurement and Assignment Boards participating in the intensified drive for Army nurses. A similar trip to the middle west is planned for the near future.

### Dr. Frazier Appointed Civilian Consultant

The Medical Consultants Division, Office of The Surgeon General, announces that Dr. Chester N. Frazier, professor of dermatology at the University of Texas Medical School, has been appointed Civilian Consultant to The Surgeon General in the field of dermatology. Dr. Frazier acquired considerable experience in this field during the many years he lived in China where he was head of the division of dermatology at Peiping Union Medical College from 1922 to 1943. Previously, he had served as a first lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps during World War I.

### MATCH BOOKS CARRY HEALTH MESSAGES TO TROOPS

Match book covers are being used by the newly formed Health Education Unit, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General as one means of instructing our soldiers about louse powder, water purification, and the prevention of trench foot and dysentery.



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## FOR DETECTING CONTAMINATION BY CHEMICAL WARFARE AGENTS

American troops are protected against the use of contaminated water and food in the event of exposure to chemical warfare agents. Two kits for this purpose have been standardized by the Medical Department: the Kit, Water Testing, Screening; and the Kit, Food Testing, Screening. The latter, which was just standardized last month, can be used to detect chemical warfare agents on both food and food packaging.

### Colonel Sam F. Parker Dies

Colonel Sam Fletcher Parker, MC, Commanding Officer of Foster General Hospital, died of heart failure on February 6. At the time of his death he was a patient at Kennedy General Hospital, Memphis Tenn. Colonel Parker was well known in Army circles, especially in Washington, D.C., where he was Chief of the Pediatric Service at the Army General Dispensary from 1930 to 1935 and Chief of the Outpatient Department at Walter Reed Hospital from 1939 to 1941.

Colonel Parker was born in 1882 at Somerset, Ky. He received his M.D. degree from Hospital College, Louisville, Ky., in 1905. After many years of successful private practice in general surgery, he entered the Army with the rank of Captain in 1917. At the close of World War I, Colonel Parker was stationed in Hawaii for six years. In 1925 he was transferred to Reserve University where for five years he was professor of military science. He was Chief of the Medical Service at Fort Monroe, Va., from 1935 to 1937, and served in the same capacity at Gorgas Hospital, Acon, Canal Zone, from 1937 to 1939 and at La Garde General Hospital, New Orleans, La., from 1941 to 1943. He supervised the building of Foster General Hospital in Jackson, Tenn., and in 1943 became its first Commanding Officer.

Colonel Parker was buried in Somerset, Ky. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Margurite Parker, who resides at 1505 North State, Jackson, Mississippi.

### ARMY PREVENTIVE MEDICINE OFFICERS MEET

A three-day conference of Army preventive medicine officers was held (February 14, 15, and 16) at the School of Hygiene and Public Health, Baltimore, Md. It was attended by representatives from the Office of The Surgeon General, Service Commands, Army Air Forces and Army Ground Forces.

The purpose of the conference was to present recent developments in research and current policies and to afford ample opportunity for discussion of local preventive medicine problems and their solutions.

Major General Philip Hays, USA, Commanding General of the Third Service Command, opened the conference and guests were welcomed by Major General George F. Lull, USA, Deputy Surgeon General, Colonel Frank P. Strome, MC, Chief Surgeon, Third Service Command and Dr. Kenneth F. Maxey, representing the School of Hygiene and Public Health.

Brigadier General S. Bayne-Jones, USA, Deputy Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General, opened the first session with a summary of the preventive medicine program of the Army.

Topics discussed the first day were immunization, control of infectious diseases and insect control. The presiding officer was Colonel Thomas B. Turner, Assistant Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General.

Topics discussed the second day were problems of sanitary engineering, industrial medicine in the Army, public health aspects of tropical diseases, laboratory services and Army veterinary activities. The presiding officer was Colonel W. A. Hardenbergh, SnC, Director of the Sanitary Engineering Division, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General.

Topics discussed the third day were venereal disease control, nutrition in troops, health programs in occupied countries, foreign quarantine in military traffic and medical intelligence. The presiding officer was Lieutenant Colonel Elliott S. Robinson, MC, Assistant Chief, Preventive Medicine Service, Office of The Surgeon General.